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COMPREHENSIVE POLICY FOR FOREIGN TOURISTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to frame a comprehensive policy in consultation with Ministry of Home Affairs and State/UT Governments to provide adequate security to the tourists particularly women and foreign tourists at different tourist locations in the country:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (c): 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and as such, registration, investigation, detection, and prevention of crime, including cases relating to crimes against foreign and women tourists is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, Ministry of Tourism in consultation with Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Defence and State Governments / Union Territories is in the process of framing guidelines for formation of a Tourist Security Organization comprising mainly of Ex − Servicemen for the safety and security of tourists.